

House Resolution No. 4105

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Ray James, an esteemed resident of Kansas City, Missouri, who will officially retire from the Kansas City Board of Education Commissioners on June 30, 2007, after twenty-three years of exceptional service and dedication; and

Whereas, during his impressive career, Ray James managed a variety of agency operations including a \$2 million annual budget, department supervisors and twenty-four staff members, warehouse, maintenance, purchasing, inventory control, record-keeping, and data processing; and

Whereas, Ray James dutifully served Missouri's 5th and 31st legislative districts as a member of the House of Representatives for many years, during which time he served as Minority Whip, Assistant Minority Floor Leader, and member of several committees; and

Whereas, a graduate of Westminster College and the University of Missouri-Columbia, Ray James is the worthy recipient of the Kansas City Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration 2000 L.P. Cookingham Award and the Park University Graduate School of Public Affairs 1997-1998 Outstanding Adjunct Professor award; and

Whereas, a former educator and election consultant, Ray James is a dedicated public servant who boasts strong fundraising and development skills including grant applications and extensive experience in secondary and college-level instruction; and

Whereas, Ray James is exceedingly proud of his affiliation with the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, Friends of Art, St. Luke's Byzantine Catholic Church, Metropolitan Community Colleges, International Relations Council, St. Andrew's Scottish-American Society, Friends of Sacred Structures, Native Sons of Kansas City, Missouri Highway Reciprocity Commission, Professional Men's Club of Kansas City, and Recorders, Election Officials, and Treasurers:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Ray James for his twenty-three years of unparalleled service to the Kansas City Board of Elections; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Ray James.

Offered by _____
Representative Ryan Silvey
District No. 38

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4105, adopted June 25, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker